

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 CONAKR 02047 061403Z

46

ACTION AF-08

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AID-05 OMB-01 EUR-12 CIAE-00 DODE-00

PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01

SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 NEA-10 IO-13 DHA-02 /098 W

----- 083979

R 061200Z OCT 76

FM AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2388

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE CONAKRY 2047

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR PINT SCCI GV

NATIONAL ISLAMIC COUNCIL FORMED

1. FIRST SESSION OF GUINEA'S NEWLY FORMED NATIONAL ISLAMIC COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 4 IN CONAKRY AGAIN ILLUSTRATED PRESIDENT TOURE'S EFFORT IN RECENT YEARS TO HARNESS ISLAM BOTH FOR INTERNAL AND FOREIGN BENEFIT. HEAVILY COVERED BY MEDIA, SESSION CONVENED SOME 60 MUSLIM FIGURES WHO APPROVED A 12-MEMBER COUNCIL HEADED BY PARTY FIGURE REPUTED TO BE DEVOUT BELIEVER EL HADJ NABIANOU CHERIF, FARANAH REGION MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

2. TOURE'S EKYNOTE ADDRESS, VIRTUALLY A MUSLIM SERMON, PARADOXICALLY CAST PARTY'S LEADER AS, IN EFFECT GUINEA'S CHIEF MULLAH AS WELL, AND DREW "DIALECTICAL BOND" BETWEEN RELIGION AND REVOLUTION. SESSION'S EMPHASIS WAS ON "DEVELOPING " ISLAM WITH "NEW VIGOR" AS INSTRUMENT OF "NATIONAL UNITY" AND THE "PROGRESSIVE WILL," AND ON WIDENING GUINEA'S VISIBILITY IN MUSLIM WORLD.

3. TOURE'S HIGHLIGHTING OF ISLAM NOT ONLY SEEKS TO INTERPRET PARTY GOALS THROUGH MUSLIM FORMS MORE CONGENIAL TO TRADITION-MINDED MASSES AND QUALIFY GUINEA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 CONAKR 02047 061403Z

FOR MORE FAVORABLE AID OR INVESTMENT PRIORITY FROM SUCH

STATES AS LIBYA AND SAUDI ARABIA, BUT-- ACCORDING TO  
SEVERAL ARAB DIPLOMATS -- SEEMED MEANT ALSO AS COMPENSA-  
TING GESTURE TOWARD FOULAHS HIT BY "ANTI-RACISR" DRIVE  
THIS YEAR. ARAB OBSERVERS NOTED THAT ONLY PARTICIPANTS  
ON SESSION'S DAIS BESIDES COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE FOULAH  
MUSLIMS FROM LABE. FOULAHS ARE REGARDED AS MOST  
"ARABIZED" OF GUINEAN TRIBES.  
HARROP

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** POLITICAL STABILITY, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, RELIGIOUS GROUPS, POLITICAL PATRONAGE  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 06 OCT 1976  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** ShawDG  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1976CONAKR02047  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D760377-0371  
**From:** CONAKRY  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1976/newtext/t19761078/aaaacpoh.tel  
**Line Count:** 69  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION AF  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** ShawDG  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 24 JUN 2004  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <24 JUN 2004 by CunninFX>; APPROVED <13 OCT 2004 by ShawDG>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
04 MAY 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** n/a  
**TAGS:** PFOR, PINT, SOCI, GV  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006